

Safety Cell and QMC organise mock evacuation drill

A mock evacuation drill, to demonstrate the fire safety protocol to be followed in case of emergencies, was organised by the Safety Cell and the Quality Management Cell (QMC) on the 1st of



July, 2017. More than 100 staff including surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, and technicians participated in the drill for the complete evacuation of the Centenary Building (CB) theatre.

A mock drill is a rehearsal of duties and escape procedures to be followed in case of emergencies. It is vital to conduct mock drills periodically in critical areas like operation theatres and Intensive Care Units.

The drill began at 9 am with a word of prayer by Ms Florence Sekaran, Deputy Nursing Superintendent, followed by the welcome address by Dr Mark Ranjan, Deputy Director (OR). Dr Lallu Joseph, Quality Manager, described in detail the protocol and various levels of fire alerts. Ms Sonia Sabu, Nurse Manager, explained the evacuation routes and assembly areas for CB theatre. The drill was initiated by Dr Mark Ranjan, Deputy Director (OR), Dr Abhay Gahukamble, Deputy Medical Superintendent (OR), and Dr Santosh Varghese, Deputy Director (Quality).

A major fire was simulated and the entire communication and evacuation process that followed was observed by the Quality Management interns who were assessing the operating team, individuals and offices for their response times and adherence to the prescribed protocols.

Following the drill, all the participants and assessors gathered in the recovery area and were debriefed, and suggestions and recommendations noted.

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thanked all the participants from the surgical, nursing and fire teams, the engineering support services, the Quality Cell and the Safety Cell, and called to end the mock drill which proved to be a great learning experience for all participants.